SUBJECT No. 167.

Revision of potgi allowances.

Mr. Patel Tippaiya, Hiriyur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Potgi allowances to patels and shanbhogs may be kindly revised with reference to the increase of revenue due to the introduction of the revision settlement into the taluk.

Reply of Government.—Under the Potgi Rules, the scale of remuneration to patels and shanbhogs is revised once in ten years, as also after the introduction of the Revision Settlement.

SUBJECT No. 168.

Extra remuneration to patels for bringing Irsals of Shendi Khists.

Mr. Veerappa Reddi, Bangalore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The receipt and delivery of Shendi Khists by patels in the Taluk Treasury is an extra duty. Some remuneration may therefore be ordered to be paid to them for this work from the Excise Department.

This applied more especially to cases where the patels were required to take the collections on account of the sale of arrack in Bonded Depot.

Reply of Government.—The Excise Commissioner states that the cases in which the patels are required to take the amount collected by the sale of arrack are few, being only seven or eight, and they may be reduced much further. Some remuneration is represented to be necessary where such duties have been assigned to the patels. Both the points raised (commissions for taking Arrack and Shendi Khists) will be referred to the Excise Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 169.

Shanbhogi Test.

Mr. C. Nagappa, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The accounts, etc., prepared by the shanbhogs, form the basis of all Revenue records. As the post is a hereditary one, it often devolves upon widows, minors, or illiterate persons, who indiscriminately nominate gumastas from whom they expect to get most benefit. It is therefore requested that an examination may be held and that only those that pass it appointed for the post.

Reply of Government.—An examination has been prescribed in Government Proceedings No. R. 1911-20—R. M. 38-05-8, dated 17th March 1906. The matter will be further considered in connection with the Draft Village Officers' Regulation.

SUBJECT No. 170.

Raising the status of shanbhogs.

Mr. D. S. Hanumanta Rao, Devanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As in the case of other officials, the village shanbhogs, who are at present working hard and indefatigably, may be given a better status as officials by giving them higher grades and greater potgi. Living has become more costly and the potgi is paid at the same rates as before. A high standard of qualification is prescribed for shanbhogs and as they have to reside within their firkas, they have to incur additional expenditure in the education of their children by having to send them to taluk head-quarters for education.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary. The total amount paid as potgi in the State amounts to no less than.